

# THE VALENTINE DEMOCRAT

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### GUNNESS MURDER FARM OVER- RUN WITH CURIOUS THROG.

"Barkers" Line the Road—All Sorts of  
Small Concerns Set Up for Business  
Along the Way—Thieves Also Busy  
In Rubbernecking Throng.

All roads in Laporte county, Ind., led to the Guinness farm Sunday, upwards of 15,000 sightseers visiting the place of death before the sun set. Practically every able-bodied resident of the city made the trip, and the railroads and trolley lines about 4,000 more to the city.

Mayor Darrow found it necessary to issue stringent orders that the Sunday closing laws should be strictly enforced, and the hotels and restaurants were overrun with patrons. Practically every conveyance in the town was pressed into service in an attempt to provide transportation for the crowds. In the afternoon these proved insufficient, and later comers were forced to make their way to the place on foot.

Investigation of the case by the authorities halted, the sheriff and other officials who went to the farm being compelled to become mere spectators also. Several of the out of town visitors, however, were seeking information concerning missing friends and relatives. Olaf Linboe, of Chicago, said that his brother Thomas worked for Mrs. Guinness three years ago, and that the last letter that he had from him contained the information that Thomas intended to marry his employer. Olaf wrote to the woman a little later, and she replied that Thomas Lindboe had gone to St. Louis and that she had had no word from him. Olaf Lindboe viewed the unidentified corpse, but was unable to find any likeness to his brother in the decayed bundles of bones and flesh.

The crowds began arriving in Laporte when the first train from the east arrived shortly after 5 o'clock in the morning. Along the roadside in front of the farm were several lemonade stands and lunch wagons.

### FATALLY SHOOT FATHER.

New York Boy Says He Acted in Defense of His Mother.

Norman White, of Niagara Falls, N. Y., a lad of 15 years, according to his subsequent story to the police, had seen his mother abused by his father ever since he could remember. Saturday he spent his savings for a revolver. When the elder White returned home Sunday morning and began abusing his wife, the land emptied the five kill him if he did not let his mother alone.

"Shoot me if you dare!" the man challenged, as he threatened to strike his wife. The land emptied the five chambers of the revolver. Four shots went wide and the last penetrated the man's right lung. The boy is under arrest.

### GET RICH PROMOTERS ACCUSED.

Indictments Returned Against Officers of Kansas City Concern.

Charging them with using the mails to defraud in advertising the stock of their company, the federal grand jury at Kansas City, Mo., returned indictments against the following officers and representatives of the Interstate Fiscal Agency company: J. C. Wilson, A. F. Brooker, H. J. Egan and H. H. Ready. The indictment alleges that an unlawful plan was devised to load about \$100,000 worth of stock of the company on the smaller banks of Kansas, Nebraska and Oklahoma. The Interstate Fiscal Agency company was placed in the hands of a receiver in November, 1907.

### BURNS CHILDREN TO DEATH.

Five Perish in Fire Started by Negro Father in Alabama.

Five children of James Kennedy, a well known negro of Montgomery, Ala., were burned to death Sunday night and two others so badly burned that they are not expected to live. Kennedy's wife alleges her husband locked the children in the place and then set it on fire.

New York Broker Ends Life.  
Isaac Williams, a cotton broker, shot and killed himself at his home in New York Saturday.

Sioux City Live Stock Market.  
Saturday's quotations on the Sioux City live stock market follow: Beesves, \$6.00@6.90. Top hogs, \$5.45.

Plumbers' Strike Ended.  
The plumbers' union of Toronto, Can., has reached an agreement with the new association of master plumbers and fitters and ended the strike, which had lasted fifty-one weeks.

Noted Cattle Rustler Killed.  
"Kid" Brown, a notorious cattle rustler, was shot and killed by Sheriff Calderwood on a ranch in Valley county, Mont., Saturday.

### HIGHER PAY IN ARMY

Officers and Men Win Fight in Congress.

The officers and enlisted men of the army Friday won their fight for increased pay when the house of representatives, after a debate of two hours, agreed to the conference report on the army appropriation bill. An appropriation of \$7,000,000 was made for the purpose, \$5,000,000 of which will go to the enlisted men. Nine hundred and forty-two officers in the retired list also will benefit by the increase. Under suspension of the rules bills were passed placing the Porto Rican regiment of infantry on a permanent basis and authorizing additional aids to navigation in the lighthouse establishment.

The bill carries an aggregate appropriation of \$95,382,246. With the various changes made in conference, the bill represents a total increase of \$3,263,151 over the amount authorized by the house.

Chairman Hull was plying with many questions as to the amount of the increased pay to retired officers and the reason for granting it to men not performing any service.

The proposed increased pay of officers was strenuously opposed by Mr. Hay, of Virginia, who predicted that in five years the government would have to appropriate not less than \$25,000,000 as the result of the increase, as much, he said, as the whole army was costing at the beginning of the Spanish war.

### TRAIN WRECKERS CONFESS.

Ferris Tells How He Blew Up a Train on the Burlington.

In a detailed confession of Lewis Ferris, a young Italian, who dynamited the Burlington train near Bird, Mont., on Friday night, in which two men lost their lives, tells of breaking a lock on a powder house west of the Oliver branch mine with a rock, stealing forty-five sticks of dynamite and placing the entire amount on the tracks. Ferris watched the explosion, which wrecked the train, and then assisted the conductor of the train in summoning aid. Thursday he piloted the officers about the scene of the explosion and to the powder house, explaining how he stole the powder and his method of wrecking the train. Ferris declares he alone is to blame for dynamiting, and claims he was drunk at the time. His actions and general demeanor impress one as being those of a half witted person.

### GREAT FIRE IN ATLANTA.

Business Section of the City is Threatened.

Two solid business blocks in Atlanta, Ga., were laid in ruins Friday by a fire which threatened for a time to carry its destruction through the business section of the city. The fire loss is estimated at \$1,500,000. There were no casualties.

The principal losers are: Terminal, Marion annex and Childs hotels, Schlusser-Mayer Baking company, Southern Suspender company, Southern Handkerchief Manufacturing company, Georgia Vehicle company, Piedmont Hat company, McClure Ten Cent store, Liquid Carbonic company, Inman building and postoffice substitution "B."

### Firemen Held for Arson.

Four members of the Jamestown exposition fire department and two of the Powhattan guard were Friday held to the grand jury upon a charge of arson. Two of the men filed written confessions that they started the fire on the grounds which destroyed the Philippine village and other buildings ten days ago.

### Russian Budget Adopted.

The Russian duma Friday adopted the budget amounting to \$30,000,000. It also passed a resolution in favor of an investigation by a joint committee of the duma, the council of empire and the ministry of the existing chaotic condition, held to be responsible for much of the economic and agricultural distress in the country.

### Cleveland's Condition Favorable.

Further encouraging reports were received Friday from the hotel at Lakewood, N. J., where former President Cleveland is still confined by illness. Mrs. Cleveland said Friday night that her husband was doing well.

### Shuts Off Speakers.

The Russian duma has adopted an interesting innovation with a view to keeping wordy orators to the time limit. The red lamp is lighted in front of the speaker and it is automatically extinguished when 10 minutes have expired.

### Five Men Drown.

A gasoline launch on the Ohio river, near East Liverpool, O., occupied by nine young men, became disabled early Friday morning and was carried under a fleet of empty coal barges. Five of the men were drowned.

### Big Cleveland Failure.

The Euclid Avenue Trust company, of Cleveland, O., made an assignment to the Cleveland Trust company. The last statement issued by the concern gave its assets at \$1,700,000 and liabilities the same.

### Steamers in Collision.

The British steamer Matiana collided during a dense fog with the Brasilia, of the Hamburg-American line, at a point twenty miles south of Portland, Eng., Friday.

### PITTSBURG BANKER FAILS.

Cashier is Accused of Embezzling Nearly \$500,000.

William Montgomery, cashier of the Allegheny National bank at Pittsburgh, Pa., for over twenty years, was arrested Thursday on a charge of embezzling \$429,000 of the bank's funds. He was arraigned before United States Commissioner Lindsay Thursday night and held for the grand jury under a bond of \$39,000, which was furnished.

The financial standing of the bank is in no wise affected by the defalcation, as it is in a position to bear the loss without embarrassment.

Mr. Montgomery has always been prominent in politics and was a close friend of the late Senator Quay. He was also prominent socially. News of his arrest came as a shock to his acquaintances and has caused a sensation. Bank Examiner Folds, who discovered the defalcation, expressed the belief, after making the charges, that Montgomery had used the funds of the bank to assist friends who were in tight places financially. Those who know the cashier feel positive that he did not personally profit by his peculations.

### NEWSPAPERS IN WHITE INK.

Starting Proposition Put Forth by Wisconsin Paper Makers.

If a proposition put forth Thursday by Wisconsin print paper manufacturers is carried to a conclusion Americans in the near future will be reading plack newspapers printed with white ink. The chief points advanced for this revolutionary proposition are the preservation of forests, the saving of millions of dollars annually in wood pulp and the reduction in price of print paper to perhaps one-half the present price. Black paper can be made of old and unused newspapers and, in fact, almost any fibrous stock while white paper requires spruce or hemlock. The proposition will be brought to the attention of eastern print manufacturers and the publishers at the closing of the congressional investigation in Washington.

### ROBBERS KILL MESSENGER.

Tragedy Occurs on Denver and Rio Grande Train.

Train robbers who boarded the Denver and Rio Grande train No. 4, at Castle Rock, Colo., early Thursday morning murdered the express messenger Charles H. Wright, aged 60, employed by the Globe express company. From the dead messenger the robbers took a key to a small safe in the baggage car, which they opened, and took the contents, in all worth less than \$100. The big combination safe in the car was tampered with, but the robbers were unable to enter it. The robbers entered the car through a side window, which they broke open. From this window they shot and instantly killed the messenger, who died with his gun in his hand.

### TRY TO WRECK A TRAIN.

Two Men Tamper with Switch or Reading Railroad.

Thursday the Reading railroad's Blue express train had a narrow escape from being wrecked at a switch near Nicetown, a suburb of Philadelphia. Two men, said to be foreigners jammed a switch with old iron which was sufficient to derail the train, which was then nearly due. The tower man saw the men tampering with the switch and telephoned for a policeman, who arrested Wencys Koowl, a Pole. The tower man identified the prisoner as one of the men he saw at the switch. The motive of the men is unknown.

### Maj. O. P. Chaffee Dead.

Maj. O. P. Chaffee, who was an officer in the confederate army and a brother of Lieut. Gen. Adna R. Chaffee, U. S. A., retired, of Los Angeles, died at his home at Kansas City, Mo., Thursday of kidney trouble, aged 79 years.

### Divorce Condemned as Curse.

The final session of the sixteenth annual conference of Episcopal church clubs of the United States was held at St. Louis, Mo., Thursday. Social settlements were favored. Divorce and remarriage were condemned as "the curse of the country."

### Speaker Cannon's Birthday.

Speaker Joseph G. Cannon was 72 years old Thursday. The fact that the weight of years has not worried him much was attested by his remark when a congressman reminded him of his natal day. "By Jove," he said, "I hadn't thought anything about it."

### Decatur is "Dry."

Fifty-eight saloons at Decatur, Ill., closed at midnight Thursday when that town went "dry" under the Illinois local option law. The brewing company will now manufacture soft drinks exclusively.

### Four Perish in the Flames.

Four persons were killed and twelve injured in New York early Thursday in a fire believed to be of incendiary origin, which practically destroyed a five-story tenement house in Orchard street.

### Famous House Burns.

The famous Pequet house, which crowned the headland at the western entrance to New London, Conn., harbor, and four cottages were burned early Thursday. The loss is \$25,000.

### Started Chelsea Fire.

Jacob Lewitzky, of Boston, and Abraham Weinitz, of Chelsea, Mass., have been arrested, charged with arson and being responsible for the great fire in Chelsea April 12.

# NEBRASKA STATE NEWS

## NOT EXACTLY AN ENOCH ARDEN.

Man Missing for Eleven Years Located and Again Disappears.

On March 23, 1897, James Adams disappeared from his home in Peru. According to reports he was last seen near the Missouri river, supposed to be in a demented condition. After his disappearance the river was dragged and dynamited in the search for the body, as it was then believed that he had been drowned either by accident or with suicidal intent. A reward was offered for the body and later a float was picked up about fifty miles below and examined by two of Mr. Adams' brothers who were satisfied that it was the body of the missing man. The wife of the missing man was then called and identified the body as that of her husband. A funeral was held, interment being made in the family lot. Since then Mrs. Adams has been twice married, one husband having died, and she is living with the second.

Recently the missing man appeared in Fremont at a barber shop kept by a former Peru man and was recognized by the latter. He talked freely about his life since leaving his home, inquired about his brothers and friends in Peru, stating that he had spent the time in Canada and western Kansas, and was then on his way to Portland, Ore. On the receipt of this news three of his brothers went to Fremont and are now satisfied that James Adams is still alive and have asked the aid of the Portland police in locating him. It was thought that domestic trouble was the cause of his actions.

## TO BUILD WOOL WAREHOUSE.

Growers of Northwestern States Arrange for Structure at Omaha.

There was a meeting Thursday at the Omaha Commercial club of representatives of the wool growers of Montana, Wyoming, Utah, Colorado, Idaho, South Dakota and Nebraska, for the purpose of completing arrangements for the establishment of warehouse facilities for handling the wool clip of the trans-Missouri states. I. J. A. Delfelder, president of the Wyoming Wool Growers' association, announced that the railroads had given a storage in transit rate for wool passing through Omaha and that the construction of one warehouse with a capacity of 50,000,000 pounds had already begun in Omaha and that two more would be built within a short time.

The wool movement between the Missouri river and the Pacific coast amounts to over 150,000,000 pounds annually, and the question of financing this movement, which heretofore has devolved on eastern financial concerns, has been an important one. Senator Warren, of Wyoming, and the wool growers' associations of the western states have been prime movers in the plan to secure a warehousing point with a view to avoiding the necessity of being forced each year to make terms with buyers.

## MARRIED THIRTY YEARS.

Judge Graves Refuses Divorce and Advises Them to Reconcile.

District court has been in session at Stanton this week, the regular March term having been continued until this time for hearing the Carson against Carson divorce case. The parties have been married about thirty years, and each was asking a dissolution of the matrimonial bonds. After listening to the testimony of a large number of witnesses for two days, Judge Graves dismissed the action, and personally requested the parties, for the sake of their ten bright, intelligent children, some of whom have grown to young man and womanhood, teachers in the public schools and holding other important positions in the community, and others being little, innocent prattlers, laughing and playing in the court room, and for the sake of their own declining years, that they try and reconcile their differences, and renew the family fireside and home circle.

## Caught in the Act.

William Schultz, of Plattsmouth, who has been in the employ of George Wiles for several months, went into Wescott's clothing store and bought a coat for \$8.50 and gave the clerk a check for \$20 signed by George Wiles and received \$11.50 in cash. He then entered the clothing store of William Holly and after purchasing to the amount of \$3.25 presented a check for \$15 signed by the same name, which was refused. About this time the officer arrived and the young man was taken back to the Wescott store, where he returned the money and coat. Then he took his departure from the city, but was captured in LaPlatte by Sheriff Quinton and now languishes in the county jail.

## Union Pacific Improvements.

It is given out at North Platte that the retrenchment of expenses on the Union Pacific is at an end, and that considerable improvements for all departments will be made. Among the work to be completed will be that mapped out for North Platte, including the enlarged yard system, new round house, coal dock and car repair shops. All these improvements are expected to be completed by fall.

## Wants to See the World.

Miss Laura Kipper, the 17-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Kipper, of Nebraska City, who ran away from home and was captured at Lincoln, has been brought back by her mother. This is the second time she ran away from home within the last six months.

Creighton License Fight Settled.  
The deadlock in the city council of Creighton has been broken and the four saloons were granted licenses and will resume business.

## RAIN GENERAL OVER STATE.

Good Wetting Valuable to Wheat Fields of Nebraska.

If the dry weather in Nebraska reduced the probable wheat production 10 per cent, the rain which fell the first of the week over a considerable portion of the state has, it is estimated, been worth \$3,600,000 to Nebraska farmers. Some grain dealers believe the damage to winter wheat by dry weather would amount to 20 per cent, which would make a \$7,000,000 rain, as wheat has doubtless been saved by the moisture.

Until early Sunday morning the reports showed that over a considerable portion of the state of Nebraska less than one-half of an inch of rain had fallen in the last ten days—a time vital to winter wheat. In the extreme western part of the state, along the Wyoming line, the fall was between one and two inches, but a shaded off in a semi-circle and east of Alliance the rainfall was slight.

Many fields of winter wheat were plowed up in the last few days and corn will be planted. Of this W. C. Sunderland, of Omaha, grain dealer, said:

"Many farmers get frightened and plow up their wheat fields too soon, but the last few weeks have been unusually dry. We have had reports of farmers plowing up wheat fields from the southwestern part of the state, especially around Minden and Holdrege. In Buffalo county and around Wood River and Kearney we have heard of some fields which have been turned under."

## NAMELESS INFANT MYSTERY.

Problem of Castoff Baby Engages Attention of Superintendent.

Superintendent Feyer, of the county hospital at Omaha, is grappling with a mystery involving a nameless infant. The head nurse at the hospital had received a letter referring to a baby which was found on the steps of the hospital. The letter is signed "A Friend of the Baby's," but the mystery comes in the fact that no such infant has been found on the steps of the county hospital recently. The letter makes the request that the child be wrapped well and placed some evening this week on the steps of a house on Davenport street, the number of which is given in the missive.

"The boy will surely get good care there," continues the letter. "Many times the people that live there have been looking for a baby on their porch and they are good people."

## HEAVY REWARD FOR TAYLOR.

Kearney County Board Offers \$1,500 for His Arrest.

The county board Kearney county have offered \$1,500 reward for the arrest of Bert Taylor, who brutally assaulted his sisters-in-law. The board met in regular session and the offer has the county treasury behind it.

Pearl Taylor, who was most seriously injured, is slightly better, though there is little hope of her recovery. She was able to take two tablespoonful of milk, one of the most encouraging symptoms, since she has been constantly in convulsions and suffering from extreme nervousness. She has at no time been rational enough to make an ante-mortem statement. When approaching consciousness, she constantly calls for her parents.

No further trace has been found of Taylor. The search made at Atlanta proved fruitless.

## COUPLE IN HURRY TO WED.

Unwilling to Wait Six Months After Divorce Decree.

Mrs. Laura J. Smith, of Fremont, and George Rhodes of Osceola, went to Council Bluffs Monday, where they were married. A matrimonial agency, it is said, brought the pair together. Mrs. Smith secured a default divorce from her husband less than six months ago, but soon grew tired of single life, and believing in the "mail order business" enrolled in a matrimonial agency. They could not wait for the time within which they could be legally married in Nebraska so decided to go to Iowa.

## No Police at Creighton.

As a result of a tieup over the confirmation of the mayor's appointments for chief of police and night police, Creighton has been without either since the first of the month. The saloons have been closed since last Friday on account of the tieup in the council, two of the members refusing to grant licenses until the appointments of the mayor were confirmed.

## Train Runs Into Herd of Cattle.

Wednesday night the westbound passenger train ran into a herd of cattle belonging to Mrs. J. Jansen, just west of Leigh, and killed five head. The eastbound freight pulled out soon after and ran into the same herd, killed two more head. Investigation showed that the cattle had got on to the railroad right of way through the snow fence.

## Street Car Man is Held Up.

Two highwaymen in Omaha who boarded a northbound twenty-fourth street car at Thirty-second and Vinson street about 10:50 Sunday night, held up the conductor, C. W. Holtzman, at the point of a revolver, robbed him of his money changer and cash, in all amounting to \$24 and his watch, and jumped off the car.

## Burglars Busy at Weston.

Burglars at Weston broke into the safes of the Weston Grain and Stock company and the Chicago Lumber company. From the latter place they got about \$25. A cashier's check for \$400, received too late for banking was left untouched. They made their escape. The surrounding towns were notified.

## Thirteen Liquor Men Fined.

Thirteen saloonkeepers of Omaha were fined \$10 and costs each in police court Monday for selling whisky in bottles without labels telling the amount of the fluid therein contained as provided by the new pure food laws.

## Feds Want Big Crowd.

Indemnities are being sent to all Elk lodges in Nebraska and western Iowa asking that as large delegations as possible be sent to the stag social to be given by the Elks of Omaha at the Bull-Run Hotel May 15.



Claim agents at Washington who have obtained an additional allowance from the war department for the officers of the Third Nebraska regiment have forwarded to Gov. Sheldon the balance due, together with a list of the officers and the amount due each, and the amount to be retained by the claim agents. The total amount allowed is \$6,243.04. The claim agents retain for their services 2 per cent, of \$1,248.68, leaving a balance due the officers of \$4,994.36. The money is in the hands of the governor and will be disbursed as rapidly as possible. The money is for pay and allowances due under the act of March 3, 1899, during the period from the date the officers reported for duty and who were enrolled to the date they were mustered into the United States service for the war with Spain. Col. W. J. Bryan was allowed \$243.05, of which sum the claim agent gets \$48.61, leaving a balance of \$194.44 due Col. Bryan. After the deduction of claim agent's commission, \$37, Gov. Sheldon will receive \$148, as captain of Company B.

Echoes of the old boom days of 1875 reverberated through the supreme court this morning when a brief was filed in the case of Buffalo county, appellee, against Kearney county, appellant. It probably tells of the last lingering blight that still rests on the land of the boom days. The suit is all about a bridge erected across the Platte between Kearney and Buffalo counties and which formed the entrance in the good old days to the principal street of Kearney, through which all immigrants from the north and south heading for the free lands westward had to pass. Now the bridge is no longer a feeder or a necessity to a growing city and the question is, should Kearney county be forced to pay for half its keep, when it was constructed primarily for the benefit of Kearney city and Buffalo county. The district court says Kearney county must pay its part.

Though it is impossible to tell until after the state board of assessment completes its work of placing a value on railroad property, the returns so far made by the assessors indicate a vindication of the terminal tax law and that the claims of its opponents that it would take from the valuation of property in small cities and villages will not be borne out. Only in the case of the Union Pacific is it possible to make comparisons of the value of property as fixed by the railroad and by the assessor, as this road is the only one that filed a duplicate of its returns to the assessor with the state. In some instances the assessor has raised this valuation, while in others the railroad value has been taken as the true value. In Buffalo county there has been a material reduction by the assessor.

John Stewart, city attorney, who recently filed a complaint with the state railway commission to prevent the Citizens Street Railway company from issuing any more stock on its present investment, is liable to score at least a partial victory in the case. The commission has had the case under advisement for several weeks and at last is about ready to hand down a decision. While the commission wants its decision kept quiet until it is ready to have it published, it is safe to guess that until the street car company invests some more money, the commission will not permit it to issue more stock.

The secretary of the local board of health of Valley has filed a formal complaint against Health Inspector Wilson, in which there are two counts. In one the health inspector is charged with having been to rigid in enforcing a smallpox quarantine against a boarding house and in another permitting the release of a party having the smallpox, without proper disinfection. As the board of health is responsible for Dr. Wilson's action, the attorney general may have to file quo warranto proceedings to have himself, Gov. Sheldon and Superintendent McBrien removed from office along with the health inspector.

Col. Bryan has been here for more than a week looking after his farm. He will attend the meeting at Washington May 13, 14 and 15, called by President Roosevelt for the discussion of plans looking toward the preservation of the country's natural resources. Since reaching his home Mr. Bryan has been taking a decided rest, spending a great portion of his time out over the farm, looking after his crops and his fine cattle. Many visitors have been to Fairview during the last week, but no formal functions have been pulled off.

Lincoln's first annual pet stock show has closed with everyone saying the affair was a glorious success. Prof. Taylor, of the University of Nebraska, gave an exhibition with his trained horses, which added to the pleasure of those attending. The show was given under the auspices of the First Congregational church and most everyone in the city who had a favorite dog had it on exhibition.

Acting Gov. Saunders honored the requisition of Gov. Hoch, of Kansas, for the return to Smith county, Kan., of Silas Wadley, accused of assault. Wadley is under arrest at Fairbury, Neb.

The Missouri Pacific has answered the kick of the railway commission by writing in for detailed complaints. The commission recently wrote the Missouri Pacific that complaints were being received to the effect that the road was not being kept up as it should be and that repairs were not being made as ordered by the commission. The answer was received recently setting out further just what work had been done and urging the commission to take a trip over the lines and inspect the same.